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3. [] Received a call from Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who was interested in any feedback we had gotten from the Muskie Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Senate Government Operations Committee, hearings yesterday on various problems pertaining to legislative oversight of CIA. I told him my information was that the witnesses (all proponents of the various pieces of the legislation) took positions which you would expect of them. I said that we would be getting a report on this from one of our people who attended the hearings and I would let him know the thrust of that report.

I brought McFadden up to date on our contacts with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, concerning the Foreign Assistance amendments pertaining to intelligence activities and also indicated that we were preparing papers for inclusion in the conference report and the President's statement on the bill if it is passed by the House.

I also advised McFadden of Senator Sam Nunn's (D., Ga.) visit to the Agency this morning and my suggestion that the Senator and Frank Sullivan, Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, who will be accompanying him, chat with McFadden about his observations on our recent trip to the Far East.

4. [] Received a call from a contact on the Hill who advised that Seymour Hersh had recently mentioned to him his understanding that "Agency people" have recently confessed in a briefing of Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) that the CIA had carried on a lot of questionable domestic activities in the past but are no longer being permitted. Hersh was obviously interested in acquiring further information about this but he was given no encouragement.

5. [] called to report that one of his officers understood that the Senate had passed a proposal to ban the use of the polygraph in Government. After checking, it appeared that he was referring to a ticker item discussing a recent report by Senator Sam Ervin's Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Senate Judiciary Committee.

6. [] Received a call from Mr. Bloomfield, in the office of Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N.Y.), requesting the telephone extension of [] I called [] and asked her to contact Bloomfield. She said she would do so.

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18. [] Met with Ms. Thelma Shirkey, Staff Assistant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and reviewed with her the procedures for handling the transcript of the Agency's briefing before the Subcommittee on Africa, House Foreign Affairs Committee, of Monday, 9 December. It was agreed that the transcripts will be held by the Agency subject to call by the Chairman. At that time, we will forward the original and one copy, retaining the other two copies here at Headquarters. The transcripts will be returned to the Agency for safekeeping before the close of business each day.

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19. [] Met with Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and confirmed the fact that no further support or material is needed from the Agency for his use in possible floor debate on the discussion of the Foreign Assistance Act. The Chairman appreciated the Agency's considerations in this matter.

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20. [] Met with Shelly Shelton, on the staff of the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and reviewed with her the administrative arrangements for Thursday's briefing of the Subcommittee. The Foreign Affairs Committee was not able to provide a room for the security tech people for monitoring during the briefing, but separate arrangements were made for the room through the Office of the Minority Leader, John J. Rhodes (R., Ariz.).

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21. [redacted] Called Frank Reeder, OMB, who handles the privacy bill, and asked that he clarify a call [redacted] OGC, received from the FBI to the effect that our Agency exemption had been over-~~ridden~~ by the amendments to the ~~Freedom of Information Act~~. He said this was incorrect and our exemption was still intact. I told him I would check this out also with Steve Daniels, House Government Operations Committee staff man for Representative John N. Erlenborn (R., Ill.). Reeder requested that I also stress with Daniels our strong objections to the rule-making provisions. I explained that we had strongly objected but we had to accept limited rule-making in the House bill to preserve our exemption. I later called Steve Daniels and he confirmed that our exemption is intact. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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Late in the evening I received a call at home from Daniels, who said the senior members of the House and Senate Government Operations Committees had completed their meeting and there will be a privacy bill which will be voted on next week. Daniels said they are going primarily with the House bill (H. R. 16373) and a two-year study commission to examine the problem and report back to the Congress. The commission was a major concession to Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D., N. C.). Daniels said there are still details to be worked out, but our exemption will not be affected.

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